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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED  
PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.78(A)(3)**

Sir:

Please recognize the claim of priority submitted herewith in the  
accompanying Application Data Sheet. The entire delay between the date the  
claim was due under 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date of this petition was unintentional.

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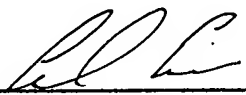
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the priority claim in this application be amended to read, as indicated on the accompanying Application Data Sheet, "This application is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial Number 09/714,080, filed November 16, 2000; Serial Number 09/714,093, filed November 16, 2000; Serial Number 09/714,079, filed November 16, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,482,227 B1 which is a Continuation-in-Part of application Serial Number 09/050,347, filed March 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,290,731 B1 which issued September 18, 2001; and continuation-in-Part of application Serial Number 09/714,078, filed November 16, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,626,938 B1.

This claim is proper under 35 U.S.C. §120 as the present application was filed January 2, 2002, before the issuance of the parent case from which it claimed priority which in turn was filed before the grandparent case issued.

Please direct any questions relating to this petition to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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